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Judges Reappointed to U.S. Bankruptcy Courts for Oregon and Nevada

SAN FRANCISCO – The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has reappointed Bankruptcy Judge Frank R. Alley, III, to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Oregon, and Bankruptcy Judge Gregg W. Zive to the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada. Each of the judges will commence a second 14-year term later this month.

Judge Alley, 59, who maintains chambers in Eugene, came onto the bankruptcy bench in 1995. His reappointment is effective January 20, 2009. Judge Zive, 63, who has chambers in Reno, also came onto the bankruptcy bench in 1995. His reappointment is effective January 23, 2009.

“Judges Zive and Alley have performed ably on the bankruptcy bench. They have provided exceptional service to the public and been assets to their respective courts,” said Chief Judge Alex Kozinski of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, in announcing the reappointments.

Prior to coming onto the bankruptcy bench, Judge Alley was in private practice with the law firm of Hefferman & Fowler, which became known as Fowler, Alley & McNair, from 1977 to 1995.

Judge Alley received his B.A. from Wesleyan University in 1971 and his J.D. from the University of Puget Sound School of Law (now Seattle University School of Law) in 1976. He was admitted in 1977 to the Oregon State Bar, where he was a member of the board of governors. Judge Alley served as vice president of the Oregon State Bar from 1992 to 1993, and served on its Executive Committee of the Debtor-Creditor Section.

Prior to coming onto the bankruptcy bench, Judge Zive was in private practice specializing in commercial litigation. He was a partner at Lionel, Sawyer, and Collins, from 1990 to 1992, and an associate then partner at Hale, Lane Peek, Dennison and Howard, from 1976 to 1990.

Judge Zive received his B.A. from the University of Nevada at Reno in 1967, and graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Notre Dame Law School in 1973. He entered active duty as second lieutenant in the Army in 1968 and was released as first lieutenant in 1970.

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Nevada is authorized four judges which includes one temporary judgeship. The district received 10,953 bankruptcy filings in 2007. The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Oregon is authorized five judges and received 9,386 bankruptcy filings in 2007.

Judges of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit have statutory responsibility for selecting and appointing bankruptcy judges in the nine western states that comprise the Ninth Circuit. The court uses a comprehensive merit selection process for the initial appointment and for the reappointments. Bankruptcy judges, who handle all bankruptcy-related matters under the Bankruptcy Code, serve a 14-year, renewable term and receive an annual salary of \$155,756.

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